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Not rest but exercise, is strength of mind.—
Pope.

WHERE THE PROGRESSIVE PLANKS COME FROM

The thanks of Professor Ballou of the Progressive party to the members of the platform convention of the Republican party "for their official endorsement of progressive principles as shown by their adoption of certain planks of the Progressive platform, is rather amusing. An analysis of several of the planks to which Mr. Ballou makes reference, and a comparison of them with the well-established principles of the Republican party will demonstrate that if a charge of larceny can be maintained, the Bull Moosers and not the Republicans will be the defendants.

Ex-President Taft has for many years been an ardent advocate of judicial reform, and the Republican plank in the territorial platform is an expression of his ideas on the subject. He advocated these ideas and was backed by the Republican party in them before the Bull Moosers were known.

The eight-hour law to which Mr. Ballou makes reference has been a Republican doctrine for many years. As a matter of fact the eight-hour law has been placed in operation in a large number of the states in which the Republican party control, and has been enacted by Republican votes. Again is the boot on the other foot.

Suffrage for women was a Republican doctrine in the western states long enough before Roosevelt conceived the idea of organizing the third party. The Progressives of this territory simply followed in the wake of the Republicans on this subject. The Republican platform of two years ago had in it this plank.

The rural credit idea by no means was of Progressive birth. Republicans and Democrats alike have favored it for years and it is gradually coming into operation. This is simply another case of the adoption by the new party of the ideas of the old ones.

Laws relative to the protection of women and children have for years been in northern and western states, and were distinctly of Republican origin. The Teddyites can claim no credit for any real progressiveness along this line.

The workmen's compensation plank in the Republican platform is more or less a reiteration of the principles laid down by Ex-President Taft in a message to congress transmitted on February 20, 1912. The workmen's compensation act now pending in congress, and which was framed as the effort of a commission composed of congressmen and labor leaders, would have been the law in so far as interstate corporations are concerned long before this had it not been for the opposition of some Democratic statesmen, and particularly Hoke Smith of Georgia. An ardent supporter of the bill was Senator Sutherland of Utah, who will never be classed as a Rooseveltian. The Republican party of Hawaii two years ago had in its platform a plank relative to the subject, and made strong efforts to pass the bill.

Other planks to which Mr. Ballou makes reference concern a new charter for Honolulu, artesian water control, the liquor control, and public accounting. All of these are, of course, of purely local interest, and do not involve any particular political principles. In all probability the Democratic party will have planks along the same line. It is difficult to see why their adoption by the Republican party can be used as an argument to show that that party has outlived its usefulness. Indeed, as to one of these planks, namely that of liquor control, the Progressives of the territory simply followed in the footsteps of the Republican party of the territory two years ago.

The third party will have to trot out more powerful arguments than Professor Ballou displays in his first effusion.

—Contributed.

Bertram G. Rivenburgh has been out of public life since the stormy days of the Democratic county committee resulted in its disruption. Since then Rivenburgh has devoted his attention to the more bucolic pursuits of growing grass on the dusty Kapiolani Park lawns and herding the peacocks to roost at night. He should be a valuable man for the Hawaii Fair Commission, and a vast stock of patience, acquired during the years when he was Mayor Fern's guide through the mazes of official etiquette will probably make it unnecessary for him to resign, as Commissioner Hughes did, when Secretary Thayer exercises the duty of overseeing fair expenditures as required by law.

PROGRESSIVE LOSSES IN CALIFORNIA

Hiram Johnson and the cause of Progressivism appear to be slipping fast in California. A dispatch to the San Francisco Chronicle from its capital correspondent says:

"SACRAMENTO, July 10.—A Republican registration lead of 203,000 over Progressives and 182,500 over Democrats in California to July 6, was assured today when tabulations were made of registration returns submitted to Secretary of State Frank Jordan by 52 of the 58 counties of the state.

"The actual lead today, with six counties outstanding, was 193,018 over Progressives and 177,082 over Democrats. The six counties still failing to report gave Republicans a lead of 9476 over Progressives June 1 and about 5000 over Democrats.

"Out of a total registration of 892,013, the party totals tabulated today were:

Republicans	372,822
Democrats	195,740
Progressives	179,804
Socialists	48,463
Declined to state	67,082

"Secretary of State Jordan estimates that if the present increase continues to October 3, the final date for registration to vote at the general election, Republicans will have a lead of 235,000 over Progressives and 198,000 over Democrats.

"Thirteen counties are Democratic in registration by a small margin. Alameda county is Progressive, and the remaining 44 are Republican."

A few days ago the Star-Bulletin pointed out the steady loss of Progressives to Republican ranks in several states. It is more noticeable in California than in some other parts of the union. The third-party movement is showing little strength thus far in preparation for the fall gubernatorial and congressional elections.

EXCHANGING PROMOTION MEN

Alexander Hume Ford's plan outlined to the Promotion Committee yesterday, of educating young men for promotion work in the Pacific, is a bit of practical idealism that should work out well. Mainland chambers of commerce and similar organizations, particularly in the cities carrying on systematic work of the "booster" kind, have already found out that their staff of paid men should be educated especially for the business. Ford suggests that the young men taking up this vocation in the various Pacific commonwealths should work a certain number of months, say, in Honolulu, then on to Sydney, to Manila, etc. The plan has much to commend it.

U. S. District Attorney Jeff McCarn is acting promptly and vigorously in an effort to bring to book the joy-riders who on Wednesday night ran down and seriously injured Mounted Officer Morano. He will prosecute under a federal statute that came into public prominence during the Diggs-Caminetti trials on the Coast. The district attorney's quick action will reassure the public that someone must answer, and answer seriously, to the law for a needless accident that may prove fatal.

The recent order colonializing the army forces in Hawaii needs little further comment than that furnished by the striking cartoon by "Hap" published on another page today. Incidentally, "Hap's" cartoons are illustrating phases of army life here in an unusually vivid and amusing way.

The woman president of Mount Holyoke College says that buxom femininity is now the fashion. This will be hailed with a sigh of relief by many an unwilling devotee of reducing exercises.

A man named Barron has found the pebbles that Demosthenes used to loosen his tongue so he could speak. However, the justifiable suspicion happens to be wrong that it was "Soap-box" Barron.

Booze and joy-rides make a mixture that is almost certain to be disastrous.

The new collector of customs must have brought his Old Rose with him.

Collector Franklin begins like a welcome addition to the Southern colony.

Our old friend General Zapata is still likely to take a shot at the Mexican dove of peace.

Old Doc's Talk

THE JUST BALANCE

The only real punishment for the cruel word, or undo the unjust act; such an analgesic some of us have at hand.

But if the wrong be irremediable, then, my son, we must, under an indirect expiation, bear our sorrow the best we can, and make the world a happier place for those who have burdens to bear. And my son, sorrow of this sort is not without value.

It develops sympathy and opens a way to hopeful faith in the life beyond.

The man who has done his brother an irreparable wrong, grows into the belief that some day in a better world he will be able to undo the injury and so lives on with a chastened character and a nobler outlook.

Ah, my son, some of the cheerful, joyous, sympathetic persons you meet, have a deep sorrow the world knows not of. They are honestly paying back their debt to you and me and our brother.

There is no other. And the sorrow of it all is that it is our reaping the harvest we have sown.

Its name is just reward for the deeds done in the body—compensation writ large. Fortunate are we, my boy, if it be not too late to recall

LITTLE INTERVIEWS

—J. C. COHEN: I am off today for Kahuku where a good-sized meeting is planned.

—P. L. WEAVER: I have not, so far, handed down an opinion on a theater's right to give away ice cream to its patrons.

—L. L. McCANDLESS: The Democratic campaign will soon be in full swing. I have already addressed several precinct meetings.

—LONNIE AUSTIN (of Seattle): Surf-boarding is great sport. Any man of athletic tendencies can pick up the knack in a short time.

—FORMER GOVERNOR JOHN T. LAKER: I am still holding out against conversion by the Bull Moose. At my age it is hard to grow antlers.

—C. F. LOOMIS: After a month spent on the mainland it certainly seems good to get back to Honolulu. When it comes down to real, live Y. M. C. A.'s, Honolulu has them all beaten.

—JOHN F. BOWLER: Talk about your hot-air artists. Pilipo, a member from Kona, once spoke for seven consecutive days in the Hawaiian legislature. I think that must be the world's record.

—SENATOR D. E. METZGER: Hilo continues to be the best place in the territory. Any man who can't afford a trip there should have a subscription taken up for him so that he will not miss it.

—H. P. WOOD: Alexander Hume Ford certainly gave the Promotion Committee some good advice in his talk yesterday afternoon. Just the same, Pineapple Day is going to be nationally observed, according to present indications.

CAPTAIN L. B. REEVES: I note that there will be some good material for south sea romances should the expedition now outfitting at this port carry out its intention to pay a visit to Johnson and other islets and reefs to the eastward and southward.

—REV. W. D. WESTERVELT (by latest mail): The display at the Manila aquarium almost equals that to be found at the world-famed exhibit at Honolulu where, the varieties of sea life are displayed as well as all shapes and forms of the denizens of the deep.

—COL. S. D. STURGIS: I am very glad to see the officers of the 1st Field Artillery going in for polo in a systematic manner. We have the playing material and if we can get the mounts I feel sure that the regiment will give a good account of itself in island competition.

—CHARLES LUCAS: No body of men, under any conditions or of any class, could have conducted themselves better than did the soldiers of Major Smith's battalion of the 2nd Infantry, who have been camped at my ranch for the past week. They acted like a model lot of young men.

—W. R. FARRINGTON: I notice that they are to have good roads at Schofield. It seems to me that some wide awake political party should pledge its Delegate to Congress to secure an independent appropriation for the construction by the federal government of a military road around the island of Oahu. Why not?

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EVANGELICAL ASSN. ELECTS OFFICERS FOR COMING YEAR

Rev. Henry K. Poeppoe, pastor of Kaunakapili church at Honolulu, was elected moderator of the Hawaiian Evangelical Association at the 22nd annual conference of that organization which came to a close at Wailuku, Maui, Wednesday. Other officers chosen were P. D. Kellett, Jr., secretary; J. H. K. Kaiwi, assistant secretary; Theodore Richards, treasurer and Rev. W. B. Oleson, corresponding secretary.

It is of interest to note that Kaunakapili church has been chosen as the meeting place for next year's conference, this having been one of the last decisions reached at the one just closed. The dates for this convention will be arranged for by a program committee consisting of Rev. W. B. Oleson, chairman; Rev. H. K. Poeppoe, Rev. J. P. Erdman, W. H. Rice and Rev. Akaike Akana.

The entertainment committee, the members of which will serve during the coming 12 months, is composed of Rev. J. P. Erdman, George Castle, Mrs. W. L. Bowers, Mrs. Holloway, Mrs. Hoapili and Mrs. William Chung Hoon.

"Not guilty" was the plea which James Prosser, under indictment by the federal grand jury on a charge of having committed a statutory offense, entered in the federal court this morning. The case was set for trial on the next call of the calendar.

HILO CHURCHMAN DISSATISFIED WITH THE SINGING CONTEST

(Special Star-Bulletin Correspondence)

HILO, July 17.—The sweet-voiced singers of the Hilo church choir lost the championship banner of the islands in the choral contest at Wailuku, Maui, last Monday evening, the native vocalists from Molokai winning the trophy which Hilo has held for two years, and which would have come to this island permanently had they triumphed this time. The sad news was brought back yesterday morning by the sixty delegates from the big island who attended the annual convention of the Hawaiian Evangelical Association.

The local churchmen are dissatisfied with the result of the test, a number who were auditors throughout the interesting musical struggle declaring the prize should have fallen to the choirs from Kanae or Hawaii. The Rev. Desha, who attended the church convention and thereby missed the political convention of the Republicans at Honolulu, did not accompany his delegation home yesterday, but is expected to return Sunday.

—CAPTAIN H. NELSON: I note that vessels to the number of more than 1300 daily enter or clear at the port of Hongkong, China. If one hundredth part of this number were to make a practice of visiting Honolulu each day, it looks as if the territory would have to get busy with an additional harbor appropriation.

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